Usage of such non-chemicals mostly result in decrease in the use of conventional agrochemicals. Figures of production of such non-chemicals and the areas covered by them are not monitored in this Ministry.

'TRIPS' to hit Indian Drug Industry

3017. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "TRIPS will hit Indian drug industry", as reported in the Statesman dated 21st December, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Drug Manufacturer's Association has excursed its serious concern on Government's acceptance of the Dunkel proposals;

(c) whether the permission to allow TRIPS to be a part of negotiations is also a blunder committed by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) No Sir. All participants in the Uruguay Round including India agreed to the inclusion of TRIPS in the agenda in 1986. The Uruguay Round results, have to be evaluated as a whole.

Disparity in Drug Prices

3018. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Rhone Poulanc is selling 4 tablets of Perfloxacin for Rs. 51.20 whereas Wockhardt is selling the same tablets at Rs. 28/-;

(b) what are the reasons for which consumers are being subjected to suffer losses in this manner and monitoring quad is totally ineffective;

(c) whether it is also a fact that once India becomes a party to Dunkel the prices are likely to become higher by 5 to 10 times, as is the case in Pakistan;

(d) why there is vide disparity in the prices of Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole fomulations inspite of the ceiling price and why overcharging is being tolerated; and

(e) what is the price situation in respect of Nolapse, Oriprime, Sepmax, Septran, Servonrim: Stanboxsugarprim, Synastat, etc. and how high prices are being charged with or without approval of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRG): (a) and (b) Pefloxacin formulation are outside price control. As per information submitted by the companies, presently the prices of M/s. Rhone Poulenc and M/s. Wockhardt for four Pefloxacin 400mg tablets are Rs. 22| and Rs. 28/- respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) To the extent informaiton is available, the prices fixed by Government are being followed by the manufacturers in respect of these formulations.

Report of International Medical Commission on Bhopal

3019. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Medical Commission on Bhopal visited Bhopal during the 10 and 22nd January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether in a report, it has regretted that Bhopal's hospital-oriented delivery of health-care was inappropriate for the chronic nature of problems;